Grant Opportunities

**Teacher Professional Continuum (National Science Foundation)**

The Teacher Professional Continuum (TPC) program addresses critical issues and needs regarding the recruitment, preparation, enhancement, and retention of science, technology, and mathematics (STM) teachers for grades K-12. The goals of TPC are:

- to improve the quality and coherence of the learning experiences that prepare and enhance STM teachers;
- to develop innovative resources that prepare and support STM teachers and school administrators;
- to research and develop models and systems that support the teacher professional continuum;
- to research teacher learning and its impact on teaching practice;
- and to disseminate this research as well as innovative models and resources to a national audience.

This program replaces the NSF’s Teacher Enhancement and STEM Teacher Preparation programs.

TPC anticipates funding 25 to 35 awards in FY 2004. The award size varies depending on the type of project proposed.

**DEADLINE: May 19, 2003** for mandatory preliminary proposals; **September 10, 2003** for full proposals.

**Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Talent Expansion Program (National Science Foundation)**

The STEM Talent Expansion Program seeks to increase the number of students pursuing and receiving associate or baccalaureate degrees in established or emerging fields within science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. For this solicitation, there are two types of proposals. Type 1 proposals provide for full implementation efforts at academic institutions. Type 2 proposals provide for education research projects on associate or baccalaureate degree attainment in STEM.
The STEM Talent Expansion Program anticipates awarding 12-23 Type 1 grants and two to three Type 2 grants. Grant duration is expected to be five years for Type 1 and one to two years for Type 2.

**DEADLINE:** April 10, 2003 for optional letters of intent; May 22, 2003 for full proposals.

**Technology Opportunities Program (U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration)**

According to the Education Grants Alert, the Commerce Department’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is urging potential applicants to prepare now for a 2003 grant competition under the Technology Opportunities Program (TOP). NTIA plans to issue a solicitation soon, but because of this year’s extended federal budget appropriations process, the time between the program announcement and the proposal deadline will be extremely limited.

TOP provides matching grants for model projects that demonstrate innovative uses of digital network technologies in underserved communities. Projects address such areas as lifelong learning, community and economic development, government and public services, health, culture, and the arts.

Ninety-nine awards were made in fiscal years 2001 and 2002. Last year, awards averaged $496,600 and required a dollar for dollar match. The TOP program is highly competitive, with the success rate averaging about 11% over the last several years.

**For more information about grant opportunities please contact the SLCC Office of Institutional Development:** 539-5354

**Faculty and Staff Kudos**
A number of faculty and staff members have been awarded grants and contracts over the past few months. Project Directors for recent awards include:

**Rebecca Admire/Lorna Finch, U.S Department of Labor and the American Association of Community Colleges’ Workforce Development Award, $10,000.** A grant to St. Louis Community College (SLCC) to recognize the Metropolitan Education and Training Center as a model of leadership in partnering with local workforce investment systems and businesses while offering exemplary services for building the skills of U.S. workers. **SLCC is one of four community colleges to receive the award this year.**

**Jeanne Edwards, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, $20,000.** A grant to SLCC to provide field-based instruction for accredited or accreditation-seeking child care centers.
Michael Holmes/Jim Monahan, St. Louis Public Library, $23,400. A two-year contract with SLCC for the Harrison Education Center to provide computer training classes at several St. Louis Public Library locations.

Grace Liu, American Council on Education, $5,000. A grant for the Forest Park campus to participate in the Global Learning for All program funded by the Ford Foundation. Eight institutions were selected nationwide; SLCC is one of only two community colleges to receive the award.

Congratulations!